THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, is read the first time.

Without objection, Rule 41(a) is suspended and the resolution is placed on the Calendar for immediate consideration.

The resolution passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The resolution passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

On motion of Representative Culpepper, seconded by Representative Alexander, the House adjourns at 1:03 p.m. to reconvene May 29 at 1:30 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 29, 2002

The House meets at 1:30 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by the Reverend Mike Frese, House Chaplain:

"Almighty God, come and be present among us. Guide us, lest we stumble in our service to others. In our work together, save us from empty slogans or senseless controversies. Grant us wisdom, that we might know when to respect and retain the tried and true methods of the past and when to welcome the new opportunities and novel approaches to the needs around us. In all our discussions, debates, and decisions, keep before us our common quest of what is good for all people. Let our Assembly not only do the work of this State, but Your will as well. Amen."

Representative Culpepper, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 28 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted Representatives Alexander, Bowie, Davis, Hiatt, Hill, Holmes, Russell, Setzer, Sutton, and Warren for today.